

SECTION X.

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OR

ALMS.

SHRI BHAGAVAN said:

1. That alms given to one who does nothing in return,, believing that a gift ought to be made, in a (fit) place and time, to a worthy person, that alms is accounted Sattvic
—(xvii. 20.) .

2. That given with a view to receiving in return, or looking for fruit again, or grudgingly, that alms is accounted Rajasic.—(xvii. 21.)

3. That alms given at an unfit place and time, and to unworthy persons, disrespectfully and contemptuously? that is declared Tamasic.—(xvii. 22.)

Sacrifice, Alms and Austerity—

SHRI BHAGAVAN said:

4. Acts of sacrifice, gift and austerity should not be relinquished, but should be performed ; sacrifice, gift, also austerity are the purifiers of the intelligent.—(xviii. 5.) •

5* But even these actions should be done leaving aside attachment and fruit, O Partha; that is my certain and best belief.—(xviii. 6.)

. 6. The fruit of meritorious deed, attached in the Vedas to sacrifices, to austerities, and also to almsgiving; the Yogi passeth all these by having known this, and goeth to the Supreme and ancient Seat.—(viii. 28.)